9. **J. Chokkarao Lift Irrigation Scheme**

The estimated cost of the project to which, investment clearance has been accorded by the planning commission is Rs. 6016 crore. The latest estimated cost of the project is Rs. 9300 crore for which, the State Government is required to obtain revised investment clearance. Further, in order to avoid thin spreading of the resources, only one project of a State is at present being considered for inclusion in the scheme of national projects.

10. **Bargi Diversion Project**

The proposal submitted by the Narmada Valley Development Authority, Government of Madhya Pradesh in September, 2009 is not in accordance with the guidelines of the scheme of national projects as issued by the Ministry of Water Resources in February, 2009. The State Government has been advised to frame proposal as per guidelines.

Clearance for Kochi Metro Rail Project

*110. SHRI P. RAJEEVE:
SHRI P.R. RAJAN:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken by Government on the Kochi Metro Rail Project;

(b) if not, the reason for not giving approval to the project;

(c) whether his Ministry has formulated any specific guidelines and criteria for sanctioning of the Metro project; and

(d) whether the Planning Commission has given clearance for this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA RAY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The proposal is under consideration of the Government.

(c) Normally projects having high traffic demand of 20,000 peak hour peak direction traffic (PHPDT) or more and which will have sufficient operational sustainability are considered, if duly supported by Comprehensive Mobility Plan and an Alternatives analysis.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Development of sports in rural areas

*111. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any programme for the promotion and development of games and sports in rural areas of the country; and

(b) if so, the details of policies and programmes framed by Government for the purpose?